Munro Island.

78. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have given the whole of the Munro Island to the C. M. S. College at Kottayam or only the *pattam* derivable therefrom ;

(*b*) whether the college authorities are allowed to collect any amount as *pattam* and appropriate it for their own use ;

(*c*) whether the Government will extend the franchise to the tenants of the Munro Island who pay *pattam* to the college authorities in respect of the S M. P. Assembly and the Council ;

(*d*) whether the Government have constructed any school, road or hospital in the island till now ; and

(*e*) whether the Government treat the people in the island as *pandarapattam* tenants or as the *kudiyans* of a *jenmi* ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the agreement published at pages 711 to 723 of Volume II of the *Land Revenue Manual* under which the Munro Island has been granted to the Church Missionary Society, Kottayam.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) The tenants of the island are not treated either as *pandarapattam* tenants or as the *kudiyans* of a *jenmi* under Regulation V of 1071.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : May I know why the people of the Munro Island are not given franchise to vote for the Legislative Council and the Popular Assembly?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Because they do not come under the category of tenants under the Estate Rent Recovery Regulation or as *kudiyans* under the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether the island belongs to the Government ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It belongs to Government in the sense that every part of Travancore belongs to Government. The island was given on *Anubhogam* tenure to the C. M. S. College subject to *Rajabhogam* or *Tirumukhakazhcha*.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Are Government bound to open schools, if the inhabitants want them ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That has nothing to do with this question.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Is it the private property of the C. M. S. College ?

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[Mr. K. Dominic Tomman.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They hold it as their property subject to payment of *Thirumukhakazhcha*.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Government have any civil or criminal jurisdiction there?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the people themselves assigned their rights or the island was assigned by Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government registered it on *Anubhogam* tenure in the name of the C. M. S. authorities some years ago.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Are not the Government receiving *pattam*?

PRESIDENT: It is a sort of *Inam* grant.

Transfer of Revenue Subordinates in the Devicolam Division.

79. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Devicolam* cum *Peermade*):

(1) Are the Government aware that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction and heart-burning among the revenue subordinates of the Devicolam Division as a result of G. O. No. L. R. 9372/1258 of 1919, dated the 15th October, 1920, directing the Commissioner, Devicolam, to discountenance applications from revenue subordinates for transfers to the plains?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing—

(*a*) the names of the revenue subordinates whose applications have been discountenanced by the Commissioner, Devicolam, and by his subordinate officers to whom applications for transfers to the plains were made by their subordinates, since the date of the G. O. above referred to;

(*b*) the number of years each of them has been serving in the Devicolam Division;

(*c*) the ranks of the several revenue subordinates who applied for such transfers;

(*d*) the reasons given by each applicant for the transfer; and

(*e*) the remarks, if any, made by the discountenancing authority concerned against each application?

(3) Is there not a definite Government or departmental ruling or tacit understanding or procedure followed by the heads of the several departments, whereby a certain period of compulsory hill service is enforced on the officers and subordinates of such departments as the Medical, the Excise, the Police, the Anchal and the Forest?

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